(g) to ensure conduct of mining operations with due regard to safety and health of all ctncerned. National Mineral Policy 1993 was laid on the Table of the House on 5th March, 1993.

Minerals available in Tamil Nadu

2945. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the minerals, fuel, metallic and non-metallic, available in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) the action taken or proposed to be taken to utilise those deposits in a proper way and earn more income by converting those deposits into value added products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Extraction of wolframite ore in West Bengal

2946. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that wolframite, the ore of mineral Tungsten, is available in large quantity in the Chandapathar region of Bankura District in the State of West Bengal:

(b) whether it is also a fact that a systematic mapping of the area was carried out by Geological Survey of India during sixties;

(c) whether government are aware of the fact that valuable ore is being illegally mined continuously by unscrupulous traders and if so, what action is being taken by Government to check this;

(d) whether experts from Hindustan Zinc Corporation recently visited the area;

(e) if so, the recommendations made by them; and

(f) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to explore the extraction of wolframite ores on commercial basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Preliminary investigations of the Geological Survey of India (GSI) in Chandapathar area of Bankura district (West Bengal) have indicated the presence of wolframite in quartz veins along several shear zones in the area.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No such incidents have been reported by the State Government of West Bengal.

(d) to (f) Geologists from Hindustan Zinc Ltd. visited the area in April, 1992 and have found the grade of the ore to be very low and its exploitation economically unviable.

मध्य प्रदेश में लंबित खनन परियोजनाएं

2947. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव :** क्या खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश में कुछ खनन परियोजनाएं कार्यान्वयन हेतु लम्बित हैं जिसके कारण इन परियोजनाओं की लागत में वृद्धि हुई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इन परियोजनाओं के नाम क्या-क्या हैं और उनके कार्यान्वयन में विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं ;

(ग) क्या सरकार इन परियोजनाओं के शीघ्र कार्यान्वयन हेतु कोई कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है;